

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 137

By Hackworth

A RESOLUTION to recognize Lawrence Hahn on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Hahn is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for over fifty years as the Executive Director of the Oak Ridge Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hahn's long affiliation with the Boys and Girls Club of American actually began when he was a sophomore at East Tennessee State College and the organization was still known as the Boys Club of America; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Mr. Hahn moved to Oak Ridge to help organize a Boys Club there; he became the director of that club and, at the time, the youngest director of any Boys Club in the nation; and

WHEREAS, from a modest beginning in a wooden shed behind the Elk's Club, the Boys and Girls Club has grown steadily under Mr. Hahn's guidance, and through its wide range of programs, the Boys and Girls Club has come to play a vital role in the community of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, at the state level, Lawrence Hahn served three terms as the Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Area Council of Boys and Girls Clubs of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hahn is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Noon Rotary Club, the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge 1316, and he has also served on the Board of Directors of the Oak Ridge Sports Hall of Fame, into which he himself has been inducted; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Hahn has been honored with the Rotary Vocational Service Award, the Sertoma Service to Mankind Award, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Service Award, the East Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award, the Outstanding Tennessean Award, the Boys and Girls Club of America Man and Boy Award, the Bronze Keystone Award, the National Professional Service Award, the "Light the Path" Award, and the National Service to Youth Award; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Hahn exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Lawrence Hahn our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.